Section 7-116. Legal Counsel --

The corporation counsel of the city shall be the legal adviser of the department and shall institute and defend, as the board may require, any and all actions involving matters under the jurisdiction of the department. The corporation counsel may, with the prior approval of the board, compromise, settle or dismiss any claim or litigation, for or against the department.

The compensation for such legal work shall be as agreed upon by the board and the council and shall be paid from the revenues of the department.

The department may employ an attorney to act as its legal adviser and to represent the department in any litigation to which the department is a party. (Reso. 83-357)